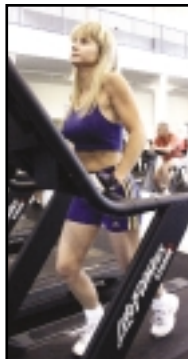




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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Members of the 78th Security Forces participate in a retreat. The retreat was performed in front of Bldg. 215 in honor of National Police Week.

Retreat honors America's police

Office of Public Affairs

The bugle call sounded at "Retreat" was first used in the French army and dates back to the Crusades. Retreat was sounded at sunset to notify sentries to start challenging until sunrise, and to tell the rank and file to go to their quarters. During the 18th century, command retreat was a daily occurrence, not to honor the flag but as a signal for units to call the roll as a final accounting before reveille the following morning. The ceremony remains as a tradition in today's military by marking the end of the military day and honors the flag as it is lowered.

The 78th Security Forces Squadron held a special retreat ceremony, in conjunction with National Police Week, outside the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center headquarters, Bldg. 215, Wednesday. "The security police have been around for a long time We've got a proud tradition and it's important we honor fellow security police members and let the base know we are here to support them, and that we're proud of what we do," said Lt. Col. Allen Jamerson, 78th SFS commander.

Leaders clarify fund-raising rules

Base Legal Office

The spirit of giving thrives at Robins Air Force Base, especially during the annual Combined Federal Campaign. But in addition to that one, very large and Air Force-supported fund-raiser, many base organizations and private organizations, or POs, ask for and receive permission for their own fund-raisers on base. The vast majority of these smaller fund-raisers are conducted to benefit the base community, which includes military and civilians alike.

Although POs are not a part of the Air Force, they are regulated by the 78th Air Base Wing Services Division under AFI 34-223 and generally are more aware of the fund-raising rules than individual base offices due to the efforts of Bob Carter, base PO monitor of Services Division.

Recent events regarding unauthorized fund-raisers show that portions of the base population do not realize the rules that exist regarding fund-raising on Robins AFB. Before launching a fund-raising drive to support some worthy cause, Robins AFB personnel must carefully follow Air Force instructions in order to avoid embarrassment or worse.

According to attorney Mike Shutter,

chief of Civil Law in the base legal office, the most important point is to route the fund-raising request through the proper chain of command for approval. "Please don't go out and wing it by yourself," he said.

The request should specify, in detail, who will be participating, when it will be conducted, why it is being conducted and what will occur.

Approving authorities

Approval authority for fund-raisers on base is divided among several key people. Under the various regulations, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander can act as approval authority or delegate that duty to other appropriate officials.

For fund-raiser requests from all POs and clubs previously authorized to operate on Robins AFB under AFI 34-223, the approval authority is the 78th Support Group Chief of Services, Jerry Cardinal. For all other fund-raiser requests, for example from a base office or organization, the approval authority is Col. Emerson Bascomb, 78th Support Group commander. Sometimes approval is sought from Wetekam or Col. Bonnie Cirrincione, 78th Air Base

Wing commander, but it is unusual for these officers to act on fund-raising requests.

Air Force regulations make a clear distinction between "official" fund-raisers that improve quality of life for Department of Defense members and "unofficial" or private causes that do not benefit DOD members directly. According to a fact sheet Shutter provided, the Air Force defines "official" charities as the Combined Federal Campaign, emergency or disaster appeals approved by the Office of Personnel Management, the Air Force Assistance Fund, Army Emergency Relief and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. If any funds go to an organization other than those five, it is defined as "unofficial fund-raising."

The regulations

The regulations also define an "unofficial activity" as a small operation, such as a unit coffee fund, flower fund or esprit de corps fund, that has assets not exceeding a monthly average of

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REACHing children with laughter



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Rico the Clown juggles for children at the REACH mentor picnic held at the lodge at Luna Lake on May 8. Read about the picnic and the REACH program on page B-1.

O'Hara most outstanding civilian personnel officer in Air Force

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Michael O'Hara, civilian personnel director and winner of the Air Force Materiel Command Outstanding Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year award is clearing some space for yet another prestigious award, the Air Force Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year award.

O'Hara received the news of his latest win last week and said he felt good about the accomplishment.

"I feel good for Robins and the

people of the Civilian Personnel Office," he said. "One person can't do all of the work alone, and this award is a reflection of the entire office's hard work and their accomplishments."

According to his nominators O'Hara's leadership, initiative and relentless drive have vastly improved the service and contributions of civilian personnel.

His accomplishments include expanding the co-op program for aircraft workers with technical schools, establishing a high school co-op program for aircraft produc-

tion jobs and establishing a local grievance mediation process with union management mediators. O'Hara also re-established the Civilian Employment and Cost Management Committee after years of nonexistence resulting in full execution of the civilian pay budget for the first time in years.

He said he attributes his winning the Air Force level award to survival



O'Hara

and his major focus on inclusion.

"I have been engaged in the personnel business for nearly 30 years," he said. "I have learned that a diversity in the work force equals strength. Unless we act in accordance to this, I can't get the most out of my work force."

After winning the AFMC award three times, O'Hara is proud to bring home the big one.

"The Civilian Personnel Office has been through some lean times and they really deserve to be recognized, and if I can be that vehicle for them then I am glad to."

"I was proud to announce that one of our own had won the Air Force Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year award," said Steve Davis Sr., Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director.

"This is a very prestigious award which recognizes the outstanding leadership Mike has provided not only to our civilian personnel staff but to the entire center, hosted units, AFMC and the Air Force," Davis said.

O'Hara said he is not sure when the presentation of the award will take place, but when the time comes he will be ready.

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Robins Pride – Pick it Up, Clean it Up, Make it Shine!



Airmen take strides against drunk driving

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A local group of airmen is taking to the streets in an effort to save lives by giving safe rides home to drivers who may have had too much to drink. These airmen are volunteers for the Robins Air Force Base chapter of Airmen Against Drunk Driving.

Begun nearly two years ago with the mission of preventing needless mishaps caused by the consumption of alcohol, the chapter is currently growing.

Senior Airman Anthony

Mettler, Robins AADD vice president, said since the beginning of the campaign, 186 safe rides have been given with 55 this year alone.

“Saving lives and keeping our fellow military members from making decisions that could result in the loss of life, money or mobility is one of the primary reasons for this campaign,” he said.

Mettler said the service is available to all active duty members, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is totally anonymous.

“The only information that we keep on record is the number of rides we have given,” he said.

“There will be no charge and no reports filed.”

Mettler said an active duty identification card is needed for the service to be provided, but that information is discarded when the rider arrives safely at home. The service is provided only from the pick up point to the riders home, no other destinations.

He said the program began as a 93rd Air Control Wing program but has since grown to include the entire base.

“I see it as one very important thing we can do for our fellow airmen and we are glad to do it,” said Mettler.

Currently there are between 25 and 30 volunteers working the AADD hotlines.

Mettler said the organization is privately funded and new volunteers are welcomed.

The service may be accessed from any of these three numbers 478-335-5238, 335-5236 or 335-5218.

Rides are given from as far north as North Macon and as far south as Perry.

Mettler said female riders will be



picked up by females and male riders by males.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact Mettler at 327-8352.

MSEP Work control documents help maintain base safety

Robins Air Force Base Quality Office

A work control document is used to provide technical sources and instructions to the technician performing the task. The WCD tells the technician what task will be performed, identifies the technical data source to be used for the task and the inspection level required to certify the task. All work identified in a WCD shall be described in clear terms and provide complete instructions.

Only official work control documents will be used to certify work performed. An approved WCD will be available to the technician for use prior to the work being accomplished on the end item or aircraft. It is the responsibility of the technician to be able to produce the WCD from which he is performing work when required. Authorized official work control documents for the identification and certification of maintenance tasks are listed below.

AFMC Form 959

The AFMC Form 959, work control document, or inventory tracking system computer-generated equivalent are used primarily for back shop, repetitive workloads. The AFMC Form 959 or ITS computer-generated equivalent identifies a single operation or task as well as multiple operations or tasks.

AFMC Form 173

Mission design and series project workload, or computer-generated equivalent are

used primarily for aircraft workloads. The AFMC Form 173 describes an operation to be completed.

If more than one step, or task is required to complete the operation, and the task requires a different skill, or technical data source or is determined to be critical then a definitized guide/list will be generated for that operation. The AFMC Form 173 will not be certified dated or stamped as complete until all tasks on the definitized guide/list have been stamped as complete.

Definitized Guide/List

The definitized guide/list supplements the AFMC Form 173 by describing a step-by-step breakdown of the operation. When completed, they are attached to and become part of the WCD.

D012, management, planning and control system

The WCD generated from this system is limited to the manufacturing areas of the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate.

Regardless of the system used to generate the WCD, a technician needs to read the document and adhere to the information it provides. He must also be aware of the importance of proper documentation and certification of these documents. Most of all, technicians need to ensure they are PAC-certified on the task or operation before they stamp a WCD as complete.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs

Front row: Senior Master Sgt. Sonny Cannon, Chief Master Sgt. Merritt Porter, Tech. Sgt. George Frazier and Master Sgt. George Aldrich. Back row: Master Sgt. Ronald Gore, Master Sgt. John Murray, Senior Master Sgt. Tim Hiott and Senior Master Gerald Gullett. All eight of the 315th Civil Engineer Squadron reservists served during the Vietnam War and are currently deployed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Reservists still proud to serve

By Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs
Air Force Print News

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — Reservists come from all walks of life and bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and manpower to the fight. Eight Reservists in the

320th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron also bring with them stories of war — the Vietnam War.

Chief Master Sgt. Merritt Porter; Senior Master Sgts. Sonny Cannon, Gerald Gullett

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ROBINS BRIEFS

Motorcycle class in June

There is to be a motorcycle class on June 20-21. Sign up through 78th Security Forces Pass and ID. Military personnel have priority over all other personnel. Motorcycles will be inspected on June 20. Inadequate tire tread depth is the most common cause for being declined the opportunity to perform range exercises.

Law Day luncheon set

The Staff Judge Advocates for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center are sponsoring a luncheon celebrating Law Day 2002 on Thursday at the officers' club with a reception beginning at 11:15 a.m. The Honorable Maxwell Wood, U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, will be the featured speaker. For more information or to RSVP no later than Monday contact, Capt. Christy Kisner at 926-3961, ext. 132 or Capt. Clay Robertson at 327-1584.

MPF closed for function

The Military Personnel Flight will be closed at noon on May 24 for an official military function. Normal operations will resume on May 28, 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Emergency contact numbers will be available at the MPF on May 24.

Promoted to captain

The following are captain selectees.

Warner Robins Air

Logistics Center
Darren J. Johnson, WR-ALC Staff Judge Advocate
78th Air Base Wing
Terry L. Hallwachs, 78th Medical Group
Deanna F. Kimler, 78th Medical Group
Latonya D. McCord, 78th Medical Group
Shawn V. Sima, 78th Medical Group
Promoted to major
The following are major selectees.

WR-ALC
Tony L. Bishop, WR-ALC Electronic Warfare Management Directorate
John S. Covode, WR-ALC Public Affairs
Eric B. Dargan, WR-ALC Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate
78th ABW
Lori P. Walden, 78th Civil Engineering Group
Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command
Christopher F. Nick

New Veterans Affairs benefits online guide now available

By **Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has made its comprehensive benefits guide available for free on the Internet.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents is a 100-page handbook describing benefits provided by the VA and an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

VA officials estimate most of America’s 25 million veterans qualify for at least some VA benefits, but many are unaware of their entitlements. This handbook includes a listing of toll-free numbers, World Wide Web information resources, and VA facilities.

Most veterans are eligible for healthcare and burial benefits.

Many are also eligible for home loan guarantees, educational assistance, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance, and compensa-

tion for service-connected disabilities.

This guide explains how to access many of these benefits online. For instance, it provides a Web address and instructions for enrolling via the Internet into the VA healthcare system.

The book describes in detail the priority for care and services available. Separate sections describe specialized services available to Gulf War veterans and those exposed to Agent Orange or radiation.

The Montgomery GI Bill and other education benefits are explained in depth. Burial benefits and employment service are also covered, as are rate charts for the various forms of compensation VA provides.

The book can be purchased through the Government Printing Office for \$5 for U.S.-based customers and \$6.25 for those overseas by calling toll-free (866) 512-1800. By providing it online at www.va.gov/opa/feature/, the VA hopes to make the information available to more veterans.

Reservists

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and Tim Hiott; Master Sgts. George Aldrich, Ronald Gore and John Murray; and Tech. Sgt. George Frazier all paid their dues and served their country — a nation that shunned them when they returned home.

The veterans, ages 53 to 58, are normally assigned to the 315th CES at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Not one was drafted to serve in Vietnam — all joined the service of their choice when their country needed them most.

“Nobody appreciates what all went on,” Cannon said. “It wasn’t that the soldiers agreed with the war, it was the fact that they went in and did their duty.”

Despite the way they were treated, all opted to serve their country again. Each had a break in service, with some taking as long as 15 years before donning the uniform once more.

Back in the 1960s, Cannon graduated from high school and 10 days later was enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines for 17 months beginning in June 1967.

Upon his return to the United States, he was spit on three times while riding the cable cars in San Francisco simply because he was in uniform.

Today, the story is different. Now, nearly 40 years later, Americans thank them

and shake their hands for their service to the country in these current times.

All eight men are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Instead of facing the jungles of Southeast Asia, they

find themselves in the deserts of Southwest Asia. They are again half a world away from home, but the growing patriotism since Sept. 11 helps them end their careers on a high note.

They call it their “last dance.”



We Love America!!

In honor of the men and women of our armed forces, the students, faculty and staff of Robins Elementary School invite all area citizens to come to the celebration of We Love America!

7 p.m. on May 20

Museum of Aviation amphitheater



Web site spotlights war against terror

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Defense Department’s unconventional war against terrorism has spawned an unconventional Web site to report news about that war: DefendAmerica.mil.

The new site, which can also be found at DefendAmerica.gov, offers the latest news, photographs, transcripts and other information about the U.S.-led global effort against terrorism. As DefendAmerica’s editor, David Jackson, put it: “If it has anything to do with the war, we’re interested.”

The Defense Department launched the site before Operation Enduring Freedom began last October. The goal was to inform the public, both in the United States and abroad, of what the United States was doing to combat global terrorism, according to Victoria Clarke, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

“We wanted people to know what our service members were doing at home and overseas,” the Pentagon spokeswoman said. “Our goal is to help the public understand and appreciate how dedicated and committed our men and women in uniform really are.”

The site captured attention quickly. Shortly after DefendAmerica’s debut on the Internet, USA Today named it a “Hot Site” and Time Magazine reported: “If you want the official war news, that’s easy — go to the Pentagon’s comprehensive site, www.DefendAmerica.mil.”

Although DefendAmerica has been available to the public for only seven months, it already boasts readers in more than 70 countries, and links to it can be found on Web sites all over the Internet, according to Jackson, a veteran newspaper and magazine journalist who was brought on board to edit DefendAmerica.

Content on the site changes daily, Jackson said, and includes coverage of every Pentagon briefing by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other top military officials.

DefendAmerica reports on all branches of the military, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, both active duty and reserve components.

Exhibit honors 50 years in the BUFF

Museum of Aviation

The Museum of Aviation unveiled the new exhibit honoring the 50th anniversary of the B-52 Stratofortress on May 9.

The exhibit traces the transition of the B-52, nicknamed the Big, Ugly, Fat Fellow, or BUFF, from a strategic nuclear role to that of a tactical conventional ground-support aircraft. More than a dozen B-52 crewmembers and support personnel talk of their first-hand experiences.

A 30-minute video highlights operations in Rolling Thunder, the overall air war in Southeast Asia. Photos, murals and charts show both nuclear and conventional weapons, bombs, missiles and decoys used during the past 50 years. An interactive informational kiosk will let visitors learn even more about the B-52.

A huge emblem of the Strategic Air Command dominates the exhibit and is surrounded by full-color logos of some units that flew the B-52. Full coverage is given to the crewmembers, ground support and maintenance types that have kept, and continue to keep, the BUFF puffing along for more than half a century.

The display is a tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Air Force that have been, and are, associated with it and to true American ingenuity that built a war machine with such diversity and longevity.

A panel discussion, “Personal Experiences in the BUFF: The Role of the B-52 in Aviation History,” was conducted May 10. William Head, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center historian, acted as moderator for this panel.

The B-52 exhibit will be on display through Aug. 1 and is the first of several upcoming temporary exhibits to be housed in the Century of Flight Hangar. Also, several Smithsonian exhibits will be traveling to the museum for display later.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

At left, retired Master Sgt. Myrel Harner, a volunteer at the museum, worked with four different models of the B-52 in his career in the Air Force. Harner looks at one of the displays at the B-52 exhibit that opened on May 9. Above, Lt. Col. Robert Marzig, Air Force Reserve Command, admires a model of a B-52 with the tail number 1040. Marzig flew a B-52 with that same tail number. The exhibit will show at the Museum of Aviation through Aug. 1.



OEF moms spend Mother’s Day far from home

Photos, letters help them endure sacrifice

By Senior Airman Shane Sharp
Air Force Print News

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — Much has been said about the sacrifices military members make in the service of their country. On May 12, 384th Air Expeditionary Group moms added a Mother’s Day spent far from their children to the growing list of sacrifices made by those who serve. Deployed at an undisclosed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, 25 moms gathered in a temporary general-purpose shelter to celebrate the day honoring them. The mothers enjoyed a meal served by base volunteers. There was music and prizes, but among the celebration and stories of children loved and missed was a sense of melancholy. “It’s difficult,” said Staff Sgt. Brandy Kaminsky, deployed from the 305th Aerial Port Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. “It

makes you realize just how important your children are to you.” Kaminsky was not the only mom who found that being apart makes one appreciate everyday life with children. “It’s the little things they do everyday that make you laugh that I miss the most,” said Master Sgt. Tamy Jones, from the 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind. For Airman 1st Class Carla Redmon from Robins AFB, Ga., this marked the second consecutive Mother’s Day away from her children who are both younger than 3. Her first Mother’s Day was spent in Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. “It’s tough being away from my babies, but I like to think me being here will help make a better future for them,” said Redmon. “Maybe they won’t have to see the things we’ve seen, like the attacks of Sept. 11.”

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Airman 1st Class Carla Redmon
Robins AFB

For some mothers, missing important events compounds the difficulty of separation. “My 10-month-old took his first steps last week,” said Staff Sgt. Regina Black, mother of two. “That’s something I’ll never get back.” Black was the only woman to deploy with a 60-person Air National Guard civil engineer team from Key Field in Meridian, Miss. She said things like weekly photos from her husband and knowing her son’s first steps were videotaped help her to feel not so out of touch. The newest mother at the celebration was Airman 1st Class Jennifer O’Connor from the 437th Airlift Wing command post at Charleston AFB, S.C. She has been a mom for only six months, two of which have been spent away from her baby daughter. “It’s hard. I think about what she’s doing right now and hope that she remembers me when I get



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shane Sharp
Tech. Sgt. Elida Sluss (from left), Airman 1st Class Jennifer O'Connor and Staff Sgt. Regina Black watch with tears in their eyes for photos of their children to appear on a slide presentation given to the moms of the 384th Air Expeditionary Group during a Mother's Day celebration at a forward-operating location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom on May 12. home,” said O’Connor. Such a sacrifice might make some people bitter, but according to O’Connor, that’s not the case. “I don’t think my sacrifice is any harder than anyone else’s,” said O’Connor. “Everyone who deployed left someone. It’s part of the commitment we’ve made. It’s not easy, but it’s an honor to serve my country during a time of war.” Sharp is with 384th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs.

Civilian award idea becomes reality

By Darren D. Heusel
Air Force Materiel Command
News Service

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — When Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, the installation commander here, assumed his current post more than two years ago, one of his top priorities was to recognize both his military and civilian workers for jobs well done.

The general has since made good on his promise when he came up with the idea for a new Civilian Achievement Award that has now become a reality Air Force-wide.

Johnson’s idea for the new award has been approved by the Army’s Institute of Heraldry, the approving

authority for all medals of all the services, and should be available for presentation late this summer, said Shirley Lambert, deputy chief of civilian personnel for Air Force Materiel Command.

Lambert said the dies and hubs for the medal, which accompany the award, were approved Jan. 11 and “historically, it takes six months from the initial bid process to have a medal set available in the supply system.”

The certificates to accompa-

ny the medal set have been printed, she said, but will not be available until the medal sets are completed.

The Air Force Civilian Achievement Award closely resembles the Air Force Achievement Medal and will recognize civilian personnel “who go above and beyond the call of duty for a specific act that supports the unit’s mission and goals.”

“Skilled and dedicated civilian professionals have always been part of the total

force,” Johnson said, “but until now, we haven’t had an appropriate way to honor their service for a very specific achievement.”

“Establishing a Civilian Achievement Award is just a fantastic way for us to publicly recognize the many outstanding contributions of our superb civil service work force,” he said.

Johnson conceived the idea for a Civilian Achievement Award late last year and the task of research-

ing the project and seeing it through to fruition eventually fell to Capt. Dana McCown, Dana Pelletier and Rob Triplett.

Working as a team, the three officers began reviewing Air Force Instructions to come up with a list of qualifications and developed the language to support the accompanying certificate.

The trio also worked with AFMC officials and the Army’s Institute of Heraldry to design the medal.



Courtesy photo

The new Civilian Achievement Award should be available for presentation late this summer.

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\$1,000 over a three-month period.

Unofficial fund raising must never compete or interfere with official fund raising, and Air Force personnel — military and civilian — must not use their position, government equipment or resources, subordinate personnel or duty time to endorse or support unofficial fund raising. Shutter emphasized that neither military nor civilian employees are authorized to raise funds for their PO or base organization while on duty. “Going around in one’s duty area soliciting funds is not permitted except for the CFC and AFAF, both official fund raising,” he said.

Employees may not, while in an official capacity, participate in the promotion, production or presentation of the event or ask their subordinates to do so. They must not solicit funds or other support from subordinates in connection with the event, nor solicit funds from a known defense contractor.

Routing requests

Any request that involves soliciting money or donations from off-base entities should be routed through The WR-ALC Office of Public Affairs, which is the official liaison office between the base and the community as set out in WR-ALC/CC’s Policy Letter of March 6, 2000. Also, to comply with Georgia water quality permits, car wash fund-raisers on base must be conducted only through Services Division at Bldg. 4056 IAW RAFBI 34-223.

Some special requirements apply to fund-raisers that consist of a raffle. Any request for a raffle must have a Houston County license attached. Apply for licenses through the Houston County Sheriff’s Office, 542-2095, which has application forms. Raffle requests will be approved only when the proceeds benefit charitable, civic or other community welfare purposes within the defense community.

For further details, refer to Air Force Instruction 34-223 for private organizations and unofficial activities and AFI 36-3101 for private organizations and unofficial activities, military units and ethnic observance committees.

Fund-raisers must also be “occasional.” Continuous operation of unauthorized snack bars or food sales is prohibited. Violation of these prohibitions may result in penalties ranging from a reprimand to removal for civilians and from a reprimand to general court-martial for military members.

For more information call the Civil Law Division at 926-3961, exts. 109 or 111, or the Services Division PO monitor at 926-5717.

Leaders send joint Armed Forces Day message

WASHINGTON – The following is a joint Armed Forces Day message from James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff:

“More than 50 years ago, President Truman set aside Armed Forces Day to honor our nation’s soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, members of the Guard and Reserves, and our civilian teammates. Armed Forces Day gives all citizens the opportunity to reflect upon and honor the service of those who guarantee America’s freedom both here at home and abroad.

“It is appropriate too that we acknowledge our fellow service men and women who have gone before us. They provided a lasting legacy of honor and commitment that continues to this day. Their example of selfless sacrifice inspires noble tradition and enduring freedom for all Americans everywhere and for generations to come.

“We salute you and your family’s proud service to our great nation.”

Why mom still wears the uniform

By Col. Cherie Zadlo
95th Air Base Wing commander

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - To my daughters: Remember when I wrote to you during the time I was deployed a few years back? You asked me then, “Why do you do the things you do?” As Mother’s Day approaches, I find myself wanting to express to you again why your mom is still wearing the uniform.

Today you see many more people wearing military uniforms in the airports, around bases and in cities, and see even more in the media going to obscure places we didn’t even know about a few years ago.

Now, more than ever, there is a vital need for what the Air Force does, and there are many moms dedicating themselves to the task of ensuring our nation’s security.

I feel compelled to tell you again, how much being your mom means to me.

You both are such a tremendous source of pride. As daughters of an Air Force mom, your

passion for life, for your studies and your very real sacrifices warm my heart every day. The way you handle being a “brat” is a positive example to many others. I am proud of you.

I truly hope that as you try to understand my calling and why it is so important, you feel the same pride I carry with me.

I’ve watched you grow from “sweet and sassy” little girls to responsible, young women.

You’ve had the opportunity to see, do and live things many only read about in books or see on television. These opportunities do not celebrate selfishness.

We value service before self to secure the safety and freedom we enjoy as Americans. We pursue our dreams and aspirations without persecution or curtailed civil liberties. That

is why I still strive so hard to do my part in making the Air Force stronger, more responsive and the absolute best — so we can continue defending our way of life and our land by combating terrorism, providing humanitarian assistance, and developing future capabilities that will enable us to flourish into this new century and beyond.

I choose to do my part in a uniform because I know the sacrifice is worthy of our goal. I do this for you and America. What I do is no less important now than my last deployment. Freedom is still under attack, and our nation must respond.

Mothers lost their children on Sept. 11 when the spineless attacks occurred in New York and on the Pentagon. Children

lost, and continue to lose, their moms in terrorist actions today.

Will I, as one individual, make a difference? I believe I must, and I believe I do make a difference. I join thousands of others with this same attitude and aptitude, teaming to ensure we protect that which is precious to our nation — the strength, the resolve, and the freedoms Americans experience today.

It is not easy, girls. The commitment required often leaves little left over for you and what is important to you. I am always with you in spirit while I’m away from you. Wherever you are, whether at a school or church function, you are in my thoughts; you are my motivation. I don’t for a moment regret what I represent — 100 percent unfaltering commitment to preserve a way of life for you, me and those we love.

You both mean that much to me. I love you, and that is why I do what I do.

Editor’s note: This column was written before Mother’s Day.

I believe I must, and I believe I do make a difference. I join thousands of others with this same attitude and aptitude, teaming to ensure we protect that which is precious to our nation — the strength, the resolve, and the freedoms Americans experience today.

Commanders’ Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at [https:// www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm](https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm).

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.



Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Bldg. 300 fund-raisers

Q: I’m wondering if all the various and sundry fund-raisers being held in Bldg. 300 have been approved. It seems at least once per month, traffic in the south entrance hallway in the west wing of Bldg. 300 is severely hindered with a bake sale, a book sale or an odds-and-ends sale. Actually, they are more like auctions because people come throughout the morning to bid on various items. I realize the intent of these fund-raisers is honorable, currently the local Relay for Life. However, I’m appalled at the amount of time employees are spending away from their desks either preparing for, managing or wandering the hall to look at these fund-raiser displays.

A: Col. Cirrincione Responds: Your action line has addressed several interesting fund-raising issues. Fund-raising on Air Force installations is addressed in AFI 34-223, Private Organization Program, and AFI 36-3101, Fund-raising Within the Air Force. Without specifically knowing which base organizations had each of the recent fund-raisers in Bldg. 300, Robins Air Force Base private organization monitor cannot verify whether or not they had been requested and had received approval.

However, a recent request for a Relay for Life fund-raiser was disapproved and should not have been held in any building on Robins. Your observation about using government time for fund-raisers is “right on the money.” This is unauthorized use of government resources, and AFI 34-223 stipulates private organizations are to charge members dues, fees, etc., as the primary funding methods. This eliminates the need for other types of fund-raising efforts.

In the future, anytime you see a fund-raising event which you suspect hasn’t been approved, notify the Robins AFB private organization monitor, Bob Carter, at 926-2655.

C-141 to the rescue

Q: My name is Dwayne Markham and I work in the C-141 A branch. Two weeks ago, the house my children and former wife lived in burned to the ground. No one was injured thank God, but the house was a total loss.

The folks of the C-141 program came together once again with very generous donations, and I would like to say thank you. I would like to especially thank my supervisor “Snuffy” Smith who initiated the donations. With your donations, I was able to get my children needed items, such as clothes, shoes, socks etc. This experience has shown my children just what good people do for each other, and I would like to give a very heart-felt (teary-eyed) thank you. Thank you all so very much for all you did.

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: It is with great pleasure that I received your action line message. The C-141 System Program Office exemplifies the WR-ALC spirit of generosity and compassion during times of personal tragedy and need. The people in the C-141 Production Division are caring people who can be counted on in a crisis, and I’m proud they are on the team. Thank you again for bringing this act of kindness to our attention.

Security forces kudos

Q: I would like to inform you of a couple of super noncommissioned officers that have been providing security on gate five each morning for the last few weeks. I’m not sure if these two technical sergeants are actually security police personnel or not, but each and every morning that I come through the gate both of these fine NCOs greet me, smile and wish me a good day as I proceed through the line of ID checkers. If one of these men happens to be the person that does check my ID card as I enter the gate, it’s in a very professional manner and I’m always

addressed by rank; even though I’m retired.

I believe their names are Tech. Sgt. Babcock and Tech. Sgt. Altobello. I just wanted to thank these men and the rest of the personnel that are providing security for our fine installation.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for taking the time to recognize the outstanding job that Tech. Sgt. Babcock and Tech. Sgt. Altobello are doing at our gates. They, along with others at the gates, are our first line of defense when it comes to the security of Robins Air Force Base. As such, they are often the subjects of criticism because of the inconvenience that security imposes.

A lot is demanded of each military and civilian member at the gates. Because of this difficult situation, I am always pleased to hear from you and others about the great job that our gatekeepers are doing.

Proper respect

Q: There are times I arrive at work a few minutes late, and I am caught outside at 5 a.m. while the national anthem plays. I don’t mind. I served in the military for six years and understand and comprehend the sacrifice, so I stand at attention. Here’s my beef, while I’m standing at attention thanking people like Chief Warrant Officer Haryaman, a Green Beret recently killed in Afghanistan, other individuals continue on their merry way ignorant of proper protocol and of the sacrifice Haryman has given.

Maybe these individuals who disregard our national anthem would like to write a letter to Haryman’s two children, son 3, daughter 6, and explain how they like the freedom to disregard paying respect to our country and heroes like their father. Folks, these brave men and women are overseas risking their lives to prevent future incidents like Sept. 11. The least you can do during the playing of the National Anthem, is

stand there and think of these military members and their families.

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: Thank you for your call regarding proper etiquette during the playing of the national anthem. The conduct of individuals during the playing of the national anthem is clarified in the U.S. Code, Title 36 (Patriotic Societies & Observances), Chapter 10 (Patriotic Customs), Section 171. This section reads as follows (this is proper etiquette for outdoor courtesies): “During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all persons present except those in uniform should stand at attention, face the flag, and place the right hand over the heart and men with headdress should remove the headdress and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.”

The Air Force instruction regarding indoor courtesies is as follows: “When indoors and in uniform, face the flag (or the music if the flag is not visible) and stand at attention when the national anthem is played (do not place your hand over your heart); when indoors and in civilian clothes, face the flag (or the music if the flag is not visible), place the right hand over the heart and hold until the last note. There are two exceptions: if you are in uniform, under arms, you should salute; or, if you’re a spectator in uniform at a military ceremony inside where outdoor rules apply.”

I personally encourage this show of patriotism and wholeheartedly endorse the adherence to these courtesies of our national anthem. For further information, feel free to contact my protocol staff at 926-2761.



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Sharon Moon
F-15 System Program Office

Sharon Moon, F-15 System Program Office, blows bubbles over Luna Lake during the REACH picnic on May 8. Angela Styles swats the bubbles while Takeisha Styles looks on.

Robins’ mentors REACH out to local school children

By Lisa Mathews
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Students and their mentors in the REACH program enjoyed a day of food and fun at the lodge on Robins Air Force Base on May 8. The REACH, or Raising Educational Achievement for Children in Houston County, program pairs volunteer mentors from Robins with children through fifth grade in local schools who are struggling academically.

Laura Davis, with the Contracting Directorate, is the coordinator of the program. She said this year about 100 mentors have volunteered one hour per week, when possible, to visit their student at the school. The program is associated with the Big Brother and Big Sister programs.

The mentors and students can spend the hour doing schoolwork — such as reading or math — or sometimes they just use the time to talk, Davis said.

It’s all about give and take

Mentors Kattie Kendrick and Sharon Moon work in the same office in the F-15 System Program Office. The two mentors are paired with two sisters, Takeisha Styles, 10, and Angela Styles, 9.

“I get something back. I get a warm feeling when I am with her,” Kendrick said of her mentoring with Takeisha. She added that she has a good feeling from helping the young girl who is a fifth grader at Westside Elementary School.

When asked what she has gained from the program, Takeisha smiled at her mentor and said, “I’m making good grades.”

Angela, a second-grade student at Matt Arthur Elementary School, said of her mentor, Moon, “She’s fun. She helps me a lot. I love my mentor.” Then the little girl turned and gave her mentor a big hug.

Moon said, “I’ve gained from seeing what she’s gained. Helping someone helps me. It’s a good, rewarding feeling.”

As the two girls ran off to play, the co-workers shared smiles. The two women have been mentors to the Styles sisters for two years. They agreed they have learned much from sharing time with them.

Davis said that the school system has great things to say about the program, which is in its fifth year.

“They have told us the discipline problems are often alleviated,” Davis said. She said it also gives the children a sense of feeling special. “Some mentors have said things like a child waits until the day for the visit to wear a new outfit so they can show their mentor.”

Diane Moore, parent involvement coordinator at Lindsey Elementary School, agrees with Davis. Talking about the REACH program she said, “It helps with the children’s self esteem. Also, the mentors are a contributing factor to our test scores

because the mentors give the children one-on-one attention in their weak areas (of study).”

Moore also noted the positive influence these adult mentors have on the children.

“Some of the children have no strong relationship with other adults. Many of the children have a good relationship with their mothers, but have no strong male role models,” she said.

“These children are seeking love from someone and it makes them feel important that someone cares about them,” she added.

Finding time is important

The events of Sept. 11 have taken a toll on the amount of time some people can volunteer for mentoring, Davis said. Some of the mentors have experienced an increase in their workload and are just not able to spend as much time as they would like mentoring.

These people do make an effort to be there for their students as much as possible, Davis said. She added there are even cases where two volunteers are paired to one student so the student has as much time as possible with a mentor.

Mentors who will be away on temporary duty assignments talk this over with their students, Davis said. This prepares the student for an absence by the mentor. Often times, the mentor

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Mannie Cropper and Joe Miller, U-2 Management Directorate, enjoy pizza at the lodge at Luna Lake.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Phillip Woodson and his mentor, Jerome Smith, Electronic Warfare Management Directorate, play football. Woodson is a kindergarten student at Lindsey Elementary School.

Ask yourself: Could I REACH out, too?

By Lisa Mathews
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Laura Davis, coordinator of the Raising Educational Achievement for Children in Houston County, or REACH, program, wants to get busy. She is fired up and ready to train new volunteers to become REACH mentors.

“We especially have a real need for male mentors,” she said. “We have kids who need good male role models.”

The program is affiliated with the Big Brother and Big Sister programs. It is an outreach program which pairs adult volunteers with children who are struggling academically in Houston County elementary schools. The mentors spend, when possible, an hour each week with the child at school. They can use this time for study help or visiting, Davis explained.

Davis said she will give briefings to any organization that has people interested in finding out more about REACH. She will go to the group and tell them more about the program and how they can become involved. There is a screening process to become a mentor and every effort is made to match a mentor and child who will be compatible, she explained.

Another way those interested will be able to find out about the program in the near future is a REACH Web site. This will be posted on the Contracting Directorate’s, or PK, Web site and will also have a link from the Robins home

page, Davis explained.

The REACH program is currently 5 years old. It originally began as a PK initiative, but has since become open for base-wide involvement.

“Anyone on base can participate,” Davis said. She explained mentors have been military, civil service, contractors and even spouses. “If a kid can get mentored and I can make that happen, then I’m happy,” Davis said.

High workload demands following Sept. 11 have caused some mentors to not be able to meet face-to-face with their students on a weekly basis, she said. Steps are in the works to help make the mentoring process workable, even if a mentor has to be away on a temporary duty assignment.

“Big Brothers and Big Sisters is trying to arrange for e-mentoring,” Davis said. If possible, this will include arranging for mentors and students to spend time chatting via e-mail and Internet connections when they cannot meet in person.

Already this year, dual mentoring has taken place. This works when two people mentor one child.

“We’re going to be pushing heavily to recruit people,” Davis said. Mentors don’t have to wait until the school year begins to volunteer, she said. Mentors can join the program throughout the year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the REACH program, may contact Davis at laura.davis@robins.af.mil.

STARBASE Robins prepares to lift off

Museum of Aviation

STARBASE ROBINS is sponsoring its fifth annual summer academy. This year’s summer academy is based once again on computer, science and technology. The theme of the camp is centered around technology and teamwork in the work place, so learning is not limited to the STARBASE classroom.

Students entering sixth through eighth grade will learn and design their own Web pages, multi-media presentations and learn about building Math Trails in their communities. In every aspect of the camp they will build their critical thinking skills, but they will do this while having fun, like building and launching their own rockets. Students will also take a field trip to Atlanta to see how technology and teamwork is used in the workplace at the Georgia Department of Transportation Traffic Center and the CNN Center. The academies are a week long and will be held in two different sessions. The first session will be June 3–7 and the second session will be June 10–14. The cost of the academy is \$100 per student, which includes an academy T-shirt, rocket and field trips along with all the training.


There are still openings for both academies, but openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and class sizes are limited. For information on registration for the academy, contact Martha Lockhart at 926-1769. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration and the remainder of the cost is due on the first day of the academy.

Festival celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage

The Asian Pacific Festival is on May 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Robins Air Force Base Restaurant. Cost is \$8. Tickets are available through a heritage representative in each directorate.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.

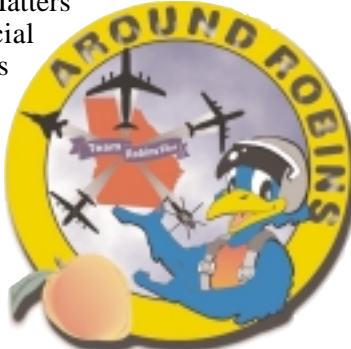


Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – On this week’s Around Robins, several children from Robins Elementary display art-work from Earth Day. There will be a piece on the Spalding Nature Center and its “Adopt-a-Pet” program. Shirley Channel, the base caterer, talks about catering services available on base. On Money Matters Gene Kirkland, base financial counselor, discusses the pitfalls of unconventional loan programs and available services designed to help people get out of debt. And Lindy Kurtz, base dietician, offers advice for nutritious cooking.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week’s Inside Robins is Opportunity Showcase with Col. Ed Mims. Mims interviews the chief, U.S. Census Bureau Foreign Trade Division, concerning importing and exporting goods by small businesses.



Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**

1 p.m. - **Around Robins**

1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**

12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**

1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.


Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.

Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Today — Clockstoppers (PG)

Starring Jesse Bradford and French Stewart.


Zak discovers an odd wristwatch amidst his father’s inventions and something very strange happens. The world around him seems to come to a stop, everything and everybody frozen in time. Zak quickly learns how to manipulate the device and starts to have some real fun. (action violence and mild language)



Saturday — High Crimes (PG-13)

Starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman.

A Harvard Law School professor is forced to defend her husband in military court after the Army declares him a deserter and charges him with participating in a mass killing in El Salvador. (violence, sexual content and language)



SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smith Community Center 926-2105

Grab hold of those bed knobs and start running at the third annual bed race, which will be held on May 31 at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$15 per five-member team and includes event T-shirts. Sign up at the community center.

Smith Community Center is seeking interested chess players to form a club in conjunction with the newly formed Air Force Chess Program. All adult and youth base ID holders are eligible to take part in this chess club.

All United States Chess Federation members are encouraged to participate. Active duty members are eligible for the Air Force and NATO chess tournaments. Call Dale Hawkins at the community center for more information.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Rally up for the 2002 Squadron Challenge with Robins Air Force Base and the Macon Braves. Through July, military and civilians of any squadron or division can plan group trips to Macon Braves games for a chance to be the best. First sergeants and designated members of various units may purchase tickets from Information, Tickets and Travel. The group with the most participation wins an exclusive VIP party with the team, including giveaways and tickets to future Macon and Atlanta Braves games. Tickets are \$3.50 each. Call ITT or ask your first sergeant for more information.

The Macon Knights Arena Football 2 will host a military night on May 31. Stop by ITT for discounted tickets.

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is \$234 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information, call 800-724-9988 or go online at www.afvclub.com. The Robins AFB AFVC installation number is 79.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Press Box is open for dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Enjoy crab legs and steak for \$19.95 today and Saturday, Lorraine Lasagna for \$7.95 on May 24 and 25. Reservations are welcome.

Watch NASCAR every Sunday, 1–4 p.m.

Come enjoy all night Hip Hop with DJ Polo starting at 9 p.m. Sunday.



The club will open at 5 p.m. on May 27 for Memorial Day.

Enjoy Sunday brunch at the club from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to primary members, guest cost is \$8.95 and nonmember cost \$11.95. Brunch is held the first and third Sunday of each month.

Officers’ Club 926-2670

A complimentary member’s breakfast will be held 6:30–8 a.m. on May 24 at the officers’ club.

Kids’ night will be held Monday, 6-8:30 p.m. with a special menu and entertainment for children.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Base pools will open on May 25 and will be free of charge to people with a valid base ID or pool pass. For a complete listing of pool hours, classes and rules, go to the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services.

Swim lesson registration is underway at equipment rental, Bldg 986. Lessons will take place at Crestview pool. Classes will be held June 11–21; June 25–July 5; July 9–19 and July 23–Aug. 2. Cost for “Mommy & Me” toddler class (ages 2 and 3 years) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4-13 years) the cost is \$40 per child.

Library 327-7379

The base library will hold a children’s summer reading program themed “Where in the world are you reading?” June 4 through July 31. Special meetings will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for the children enrolled in the program. Guest speakers from around the world will speak each week about their different languages, customs and cultures.

This nine-week program will culminate with an ice cream party at the library on Aug. 6 at 2 p.m.

Drawings at the party will include a bowling birthday party certificate and Robby the Robin beanie toys.

Children must read at least 10 age-appropriate books and attend at least four

meetings at the library to be eligible for the drawings. To register, visit the library, located in Bldg. 905.

Pizza Depot 926-0188

Mama is celebrating Pizza Depot’s 14th birthday with a party on June 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sample new pizza and have a piece of the cake. Also come by to sign the big birthday card and enter for a chance to win prizes.

Family Child Care 926-6741

In continual support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for extended-duty care has been extended to June 1. The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent childcare arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule. To enroll, parents need a written verification from their supervisors and must arrange an interview with an FCC coordinator to discuss childcare needs, provider qualifications and program procedures. For more information, call the FCC office.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

Receive a 10 percent discount on full-service custom framing at the skills development center with a coupon on page 25 in the May Services Edge. This offer is good through July 31.

Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: operation night hoops at 6:30 p.m. and a Keystone meeting at 8 p.m. today; TRAIL event at 10 a.m. and open recreation 6-11 p.m. Saturday; open recreation 3-7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; and operation night hoops at 6:30 p.m. and Power Up club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 24.

Youth Center 926-2110

Dances are scheduled for today and May 31, 6–9 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Children 8 years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent. The center will be closed on May 27 in observance of the holiday.

Honor Guard 926-9775

The Robins AFB Honor Guard has moved to Bldg. 364 on Fourth Street. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted today, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 123.

UNISERV TSP briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan today, 1-4:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123. This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress.

Resume, cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a resume and cover letter workshop Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905. This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman’s Attic will close at 1 p.m. on May 24, to attend a squadron function. Normal services will resume on May 27 at 7:30 a.m. at the FSC and 10 a.m. for Family Services.

Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted on May 28, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 250. The Transition Assistance program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to three years of separation or retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long-range retirement and separation planning, benefits and other information. To register, call the center at 926-1256.


Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class on May 29, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. The class is specifically designed to assist new parents.

Frequently asked questions

What is the EFMP?

The EFMP, the exceptional family member program, is a program that helps to coordinate services for eligible family members with special needs such as a mental, emotional, physical or educational condition. The person must be enrolled in EFMP as outlined in Air Force Instruction 40-301. All family members will be screened for overseas assignments during the overseas clearance process. Newly identified EFMP conditions must be evaluated and may affect assignments, since the availability of services is determined by the gaining installation. It is the active duty member’s responsibility to report EFMP conditions. For more information regarding which conditions meet EFMP criteria, call Family Advocacy at 327-8415. Also go to [http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#EFMP%20\(Exceptional%20Family%20Member%20Program\):%20327-8415](http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#EFMP%20(Exceptional%20Family%20Member%20Program):%20327-8415).



This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Interviewing 103

An interviewing workshop will be conducted on May 30, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 138. This session is designed to assist in an overview of how to determine worth and know if the salary is negotiable, including how to and when not to factor in benefits packages. Strategies and tips are provided to assist in overcoming discomfort and empower applicants in gaining a better salary. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia will present a workshop on money and credit management on May 31, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, room 127. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights are presented along with help in developing budgets and savings plans. To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Employment assistance

There is a Georgia Department of Labor Veterans Service Specialist in the Family Support Center to assist veterans or personnel within 180 days of leaving the military with their job search. To schedule an appointment, call Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

FitLinxx

System offers Robins new way to track goals

By Geoff Janes
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The Robins Air Force Base Fitness Center has installed a state-of-the-art computer system that makes performing workouts and tracking fitness levels easier than ever.

And beginning Monday, members of the fitness center can start taking advantage of it.

The new system, called FitLinxx, not only allows members of the center a way to map out their fitness goals, it also keeps track of the number of repetitions performed during a workout, memorizes the correct range of motion and lift speed at which the exercise is performed and even informs the user whether or not weight machine seats are in the right position.

With the installation of the new system, Robins will become one of two Air Force bases worldwide to use it. The other is Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., which got its first system in September of 2000 and added a second in December.

According to Ben Gibson, Tinker's fitness center director, FitLinxx is a highly successful tool that has received a lot of praise from the users there.

"When asked why our patrons prefer the FitLinxx system, they've given three reasons," Gibson said. "First off, it's much easier. No matter what day it is, they don't have to remember how much weight to use, calorie target and what exercises to do because the system does it for them. Another reason is that the system drastically reduces the time it takes to work out. Not the work out time, but the prep time and the time it takes to set up the machines."

Gibson said the third reason the system was successful was safety.

"There's no doubt in my mind this system is the wave of the future," Gibson added. He also said that Tinker is going to be a test base for some new software that will allow FitLinxx to monitor and track Air Force personnel on the mandatory fitness improvement plan.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Marine Lance Cpl. Julian Caesar, gets a sneak preview of a new fitness goal-tracking system at the Robins Air Force Base Fitness Center.

At right, Lesley Lee, shows Kim Krummert how to sign into the FitLinxx system that will be available Monday.



How it will work

According to Roger Braner, Robins fitness center director, the first step in using the system is an introductory meeting with the staff of the center. During that meeting, staff members will get background information and help the member set up a workout that will help them meet their goals.

"The first time our staff will walk through the system with them," Braner said. "They'll set the seat adjustment properly, record the initial weights and range of motion and even set the number and speed of the repetitions. That way if a person is doing an exercise too fast or too slow, it will prompt them.

If they don't reach the full range of motion, the repetition doesn't count. Then, the next time they come in, they will know exactly where to position the seat and what exercises to do."

Although the system is physically tied to 10 strength machines and 20 cardiovascular machines, those who favor free weights and traditional exercise, such as running, can also track their fitness, according to Kandice Turner, FitLinxx program manager for Robins Air Force Base.

"If you run or take aerobics or swim, you can manually key it in to (the system) and get credit for that exercise," Turner said. "In addition, you can do strength exercises that aren't connected, like the bench press or bicep curl, and log those things in as well. You can get credit for everything you do."

Year of the Family Campaign money awarded to Robins was used to help fund the system.

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FITNESS MONTH

During May Fitness Month points will be awarded for various fitness events and daily workouts. For every 20 points earned, participants will be entered in drawings for various prizes such as a trip to Jamaica or the Bahamas. Pick up a punch card at the center.

See the services division Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services for a complete calendar of events. May Fitness Month is sponsored in part by Gatorade, LifeFitness and Super Clubs. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

- ✓ Today – 10 a.m., Advanced strength training
- ✓ Tomorrow – 10 a.m., American Kids Fun Run.

Register at youth center

Week four challenge: Perform at least one new cardiovascular exercise.

- ✓ Monday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bench press competition
- ✓ Tuesday – 10 a.m., "Exercising for specialty populations;" noon: "Injury prevention & treatment"
- ✓ Wednesday – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bone density screening
- ✓ Thursday – 11:30 a.m., "Sports nutrition" lunch & learn
- ✓ May 24 – 11 a.m., "Training for real life" movement clinic
- ✓ May 25 –9:30 a.m., Kids' aerobics

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's softball

Women are still welcome to try out for Robins Women's Varsity Softball Team. For more information contact Andre' Carr at 327-2662

Softball tournament

The Women's Varsity Softball Team will hold a double elimination tournament open to men and women May 31-June 2. The entrance fee is \$175 before May 24 and \$180 after.

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams. For additional information call Andre' Carr at 327-2662 or 929-8795, Bernita Allen at 327-3055, or Kara Dixon at 926-9705

Straight Arrow Archery Club

The Straight Arrow Archery Club will be holding a 3-D tournament on May 18 with a shotgun start

at 10 a.m. The tournament will have a \$10 entry fee and is open to anyone that can access the base.

This will be a 20 target course with archers shooting from unknown distances. Archers will be competing for trophies and first time shooters will shoot for free.

The Straight Arrow Archery Club is located on Macon Street, south of DRMO.

For more information, contact Brian Durrence at 328-7435 or Karl Bodien at 971-4476.

Fitness Center 926-2128

Earn the Presidential Sports Award for individual participation in daily fitness. Anyone 6 years of age and older can receive this personalized certificate of achievement.

Eligible sports include 70 activities from aerobics to wrestling. Pick up a personal fitness log at the fitness center.

Mentors

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will bring the child a souvenir from the TDY to share the trip. Kendrick said she is one mentor who, because of more work caused by the Sept. 11 attacks, has not been able to spend as much time with Takeisha. She explained they try to spend quality time together when she visits the school.

“Even though I’ve been more busy this year, I still go as often as possible,” she said. Kendrick and Moon both said the personnel at the schools work with the mentors to make the program a success.

It’s an annual thing

The annual mentoring picnic is an event eagerly anticipated by both groups.

This year’s picnic included pizza and ice cream for lunch. Entertainment included face painting and a visit from Rico the Clown.

Rico, who is also known as Ricardo Rodriquez, works with the Houston County Board of Education.

Children and their mentors had the chance to enjoy games or just spend time together chatting. Shouts of laughter filled the air and many hugs were shared during the day.

“I did not realize what an impact the mentors



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Ashley Taylor, second-grade student at Pearl Stephens Elementary School, gets her face painted.

have on their students until I saw the children’s faces as they spotted their mentors at the picnic. They had the look of pure joy and appreciation as they ran up to their mentors for a hug,” said Davis.

“As I watched each pair walk off, chatting quietly, in their own little world, I thought this is what the program is all about.”

Davis encourages anyone interested in becoming a mentor to contact her by e-mail at laura.davis@robins.af.mil.

Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday’s paper. Submit information to Bldg. 215, Room 106.

HONOR ROLLS

The F-15 System Program Office announces its second quarter honorees.

The Supervisor of the Quarter is **David Lasater**. Lasater is the supervisor for the avionics engineering branch in the Engineering Division. Lasater’s branch successfully resolved the No. 1 mission incapability driver, which was driven by a cable wrap assembly, in the F-15 fleet. From September to March 2002 more than 45 mission incapacibilities were reduced to zero by Lasater’s team. Lasater fielded the Lean Depot Management System on the F-15 repair line which allows many advances in the field of information technology to revolutionize the way the depot manages all aspects of its avionics repair. He has led the way to using radio frequency flight line test sets to field test F-15 communication cables.

The Employee of the Quarter is **Danny Rountree**. Rountree is an aircraft sheet metal mechanic in the production division. Rountree is not a work-leader but he often assists other teams on jobs that require his expertise such as unloading crash damage aircraft from transportation vehicles and working with aircraft engineers on repairs that are not addressed in the technical orders.

The Administrative Employee of the

Quarter **Shirley Glover**. Glover is the administrative support for the logistics services branch in the Production Division. In that capacity, she managed the office operations in support of the branch chief and five first-line supervisors. Glover is the payroll focal point for her 45-person logistics branch and in some cases for the entire 440-person production division.

The Contractor of the Quarter is **Susan Krewson-Mahrt**. Krewson-Mahrt, an Analyst for Synergy Inc., works in the System Support Management Division. Krewson-Mahrt streamlined the process of collecting data for the eagle assessment review, a report that provides both the system program office and its customers an overview assessment of the F-15 Weapon System Mission Capability. The process Krewson-Mahrt created improved the visibility of the information and provided an “at a glance” executive summary. Krewson-Mahrt developed and published a report outlining the F-15 fleet top supply drivers. This report showed a six-month historical mission incapability hours and rank trend, highlighted new supply drivers on the list and items moving up in the list, and a capability to filter information by various categories.



Lasater



Rountree



Glover



Krewson-Mahrt

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Board schedule changes

There have been some changes to the CY02 U.S. Air Force selection board schedule. May 24 is blocked. Sept. 9-13 special selection boards will meet. Sept. 16-27 PME Board will meet. Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 Col ANG will have its second session. Nov. 6-8 is blocked.

Concert on base

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel presents the Houston Community String Ensemble with a musical concert featuring a variety of classical and sacred music. The performance is 3 p.m. at the chapel. Admission is free.

Development screening

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services will hold a mass screening for children 0-2 years from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 21.

These screenings will help give parents a picture of how their children are developing in five developmental areas.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call 327-8431 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended, but not mandatory.

Dixie Crow tuition help

The Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows has recently established a \$250 enlisted tuition assistance grant. The grant is for active duty enlisted personnel stationed at Robins Air Force Base in the rank of E-4 and above who are pursuing a degree related to electronic warfare or information superiority.

The program is intended to complement the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Program and the

Air Force Boot Strap program. Applications may be picked up at the base education office in Bldg. 905.

Mail applications to Dixie Crows, P.O. Box 1331, Warner Robins, Ga. 31099-1331.

Deadline for summer semester applications is on June 15.

DEFY needs mentors

Anyone interested in being a Drug Education for Youth

program mentor has a chance to participate this year. Contact Vera Seales at 327-8408 or 1st Lt. John C. Armstrong at 926-7700, ext. 143.

Training will be conducted Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the classroom of Bldg. 207.

Chapel luncheon

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel is hosting a luncheon Monday from 11 a.m.

to noon at the Robins Enlisted Club. The guest speaker will be former NFL great Bill Glass of Bill Glass Ministries.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased through the base chapel. Airmen may contact their first sergeants for free tickets.

For more information, call the base chapel at 926-2821.

Store takes donations

Don't throw away those slightly used items, bring them to the Robins Air Force Base Thrift Store. They accept donations as well as allow people to consign items.

The thrift store is located on Page Road, Bldg. 288 and

is open Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for consignments.

It is also open on the first Saturday of each month. May 24 will be the last day the thrift store will be open before the summer.

It will reopen in August. Call 923-1686 for more information.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

Community fellowship and Bible study is held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for the following groups: adult mixed, adult singles, adult women, youth and elementary school children. Free dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bible study follows.

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

Robins’ own stars in musical

By Lanorris Askew
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All work and no play may make Jack a dull boy, but 2nd Lt. Dominic Alcocer has it all figured out. During the past two years he has made acting in local musical productions a way to relax and unwind.

“I have been acting since I was in the eighth grade, 11 years ago,” he said. “It’s a great way to meet new people.”

Alcocer, a towed decoy engineer in the Electronics Warfare Directorate, is currently starring in the Perry Players production of the Rodger’s and Hammerstein musical, “Oklahoma!”

Set in the Oklahoma Territory in the early 1900s, “Oklahoma!” is described by reviewers as an idealized vision of a simpler time, a story of tender romance and violent passion.

Alcocer will be playing the lead role of Curly McLain who he describes as a simple cowboy who is really just a kid acting tough.

“One of the neat things about this particular play is that it was the first musical on Broadway to use music to further the plot,” said Alcocer.

Though this is his first production with the Perry Players he said the performances have gone well thus far.

“The audiences have given us good responses so far and that’s always good,” he said.

Alcocer said there are two things that he loves about acting.



2nd Lt. Dominic Alcocer

“One thing is there is no better way to meet new and interesting people and, two, nothing equals the response from the audience when you go out for your final bow and hear that applause,” he said.

Alcocer said the play opened on May 3 and will have a final curtain call on May 18.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club - meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate conference room 1, Bay D15, Room 1-E. To develop or polish your speaking and leadership skills call Keith Dierking at 926-0420 or Brenda Smith at 926-6884, ext. 724.

Federal Managers Association - meets periodically. A variety of speakers provide information to ensure excellence in the federal workplace. For information, call Jan McDaniel, Ext.926-2564.

Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. — meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at a location designated by the executive board. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, public relations officer, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested individuals may also contact German T. Acree, president, at work at 926-6881 or at home at 953-6261.

National Contract Management Association - meets once a month in the

officers’ club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.

Network 56 – Information for Network 56 can be found online at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/Network56>. The page has information on meetings, links for noncommissioned office development, the organizational charter and news about Network 56.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship – meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff or Nancy Smith at 953-7834 or Chris or Deb Holinger at 218-4598.

Officers’ Spouses Club — If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers’ club membership, the Officers’ Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Please call Beth Arch at 218-7797 to receive your welcome packet.

Procurement Toastmasters Club - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call Marian Hartley, 926-0886; or Bob Valdez, 926-9332.

Reserve Officer’s Association - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.

Robins Top 3 Association - meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Gray at 327-8079, or Senior Master Sgt. Ida Koepke at 327-8312.

Robins’ Voices International Training in Communication Club — meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429.

The Retired Enlisted Association Warner Robins Eagle Chapter 94 – meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Warner Robins American Legion Post 172 on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call Dan Toma at 757-2525 or Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

Editor’s Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group’s information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

● **Alonzo Bryant**, Technology and Industrial Support Directorate. Point of contact is Bobby Jones, 926-4410.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

FitLinxx

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“YOFAM money covered \$90,000 for the actual system, and then we threw in an additional \$30,000 to cover the cost of the network,” Braner said.

Surfing the Web

Once a person is set up on the system, they don’t have to come to the fitness center to view their progress.

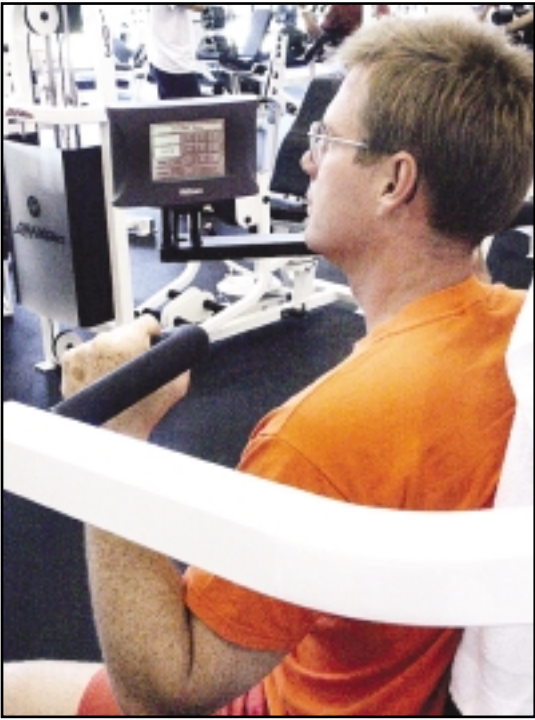
“Users are able to go out on the FitLinxx.com and register there,” Turner said. “From (the Web site) you’re able to see all of your charts, graphs and reports, and review your data.”

Users are also able to receive and send messages to the fitness center staff, as well as read articles on fitness and keep up with their personalized program.

Fitness center goals

Turner said there are a number of things that can be achieved using the FitLinxx system here at Robins.

“For Robins, it will help provide a higher level of service for the entire community and also assist with some of the programs that come out of the Health and Wellness Center,” she said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. John McEldowney works out in the fitness center where a new program will help members track fitness goals.

“Monitored programs, like the weight management program and things like that will all be able to be monitored through (the system), making the HAWC operate more efficiently.”